

Application No. 10/602,025  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116  
Reply to Office Action dated November 1, 2007  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 and ending at line 15 to read as follows:

The cover 7 is provided with a connection portion 7B formed in a tubular shape for fixation of the proximal portion 3A of the catheter 3. The connection portion 7B is provided with a latch portion 7C which is formed in a semicircular shape surrounding a proximal end thereof by half. A distal end of the connector 9 having a tubular shape, to which the connection portion 7B is slidably inserted, is provided with an engaging portion 9A formed in a semicircular shape so as to engage with the latch portion 7C to prevent rotation thereof. The connector 9 houses a hemostatic valve 10 and is further provided with a screw thread portion 9B, also known as an engaging means, on an outer periphery thereof.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 and ending at line 6 to read as follows:

A hemostatic adapter 11 having a female screw thread portion 11A in an inner periphery thereof is detachably screwed with the

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screw thread portion 9B of the connector 9. The hemostatic adapter 11 houses another hemostatic valve ~~(not shown)~~ 12 constituted of a plurality of packing seals (not shown) which substantially have the same constitution as the related art.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 11 and ending at line 17 to read as follows:

After the inner needle 13 is drawn out, the hemostatic adapter 11 is uninstalled from the connector 9. When the connector of the auxiliary apparatus ~~(not shown)~~, also know as an opposite connector, is inserted and fixed to the catheter 3 through the hemostatic valve 10 or fixed to the connector 9, the hemostatic valve 10 assures air-tightness. Thereby the connector of the auxiliary apparatus can be easily connected with the catheter 3.